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The Honorable
James E. Webb
Under Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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25X1 My dear Mr. Webb:

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This is in reference to the relocation of the CIA [redacted]
[redacted] base station from [redacted]
[redacted] construction of facilities at the new site has proceeded
satisfactorily and is expected to be completed in the near future.
Some operating personnel have already been transferred to [redacted]
while others are at present being trained in Washington to assume
duties in connection with handling radio traffic for the Department
and the interested Offices of this Agency.

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While the activation of the [redacted] base station will result
in a reduction in the number of personnel assigned to [redacted] it will
necessitate a much larger force than the [redacted] base station. The
expanded physical site alone will require a guard detail of about
fifteen while operating personnel will number about thirty-five.
Other housekeeping and administrative personnel will ultimately bring
the total to approximately [redacted] individuals as shown in the
summary below.

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Limited operation of the base will commence about 1 April 1950 while full operation, requiring the staff shown, should be accomplished approximately six months later. We believe this to be the minimum complement for the 24-hour operation required to satisfactorily handle the Department's traffic, the messages of the Office of Special Operations, the communications load which will develop from the activities of the Office of Policy Coordination, and the needs of the [redacted]

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I will welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you, or will arrange for members of my staff to meet with such individuals as you may designate in order to discuss this phase of the [redacted] operation.

Sincerely yours,

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Armstrong
R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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